Geneaological Research and Results for Thomas and Nancy Fogarty of Livingston County, Illinois

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Original Request:

I'm researching Thomas FOGERTY and Nancy (LACKEY) Fogerty in your county (married 1872; children in the late 1870s–1880s). Could you tell me:

1. Which Catholic/Protestant churches served families in [Paxton / Watseka / Cullom / Wabash] during that period?
2. Do you hold church register copies, cemetery transcriptions, or obituary files for Fogerty/Lackey?
3. If not, whom should I contact locally?

Comment #1

There are quite a few churches in those areas, and I have no information about them. The 1878 and 1909 Vol. 2 Livingston County History books usually describe the first churches in the various townships of Livingston County. Both of these are digitized, word searchable, and can be downloaded from the Fairbury Echoes Museum web site using this link.

https://fairburyechoes.org/livingston-county-history-books

Comment #2

Neither the Fairbury Echoes Museum or the Livingston County Historical Society has an church copies, cemetery transcriptions, or obituary files on Fogerty/Lackey.

I have no idea of to find any church records for churches in Livingston County. I have researched over 300 families in Livingston County, but have never used a church record.

I find obituaries in newspapers using paid subcription services including Newspapers.com, which included the Bloomington Pantagraph.

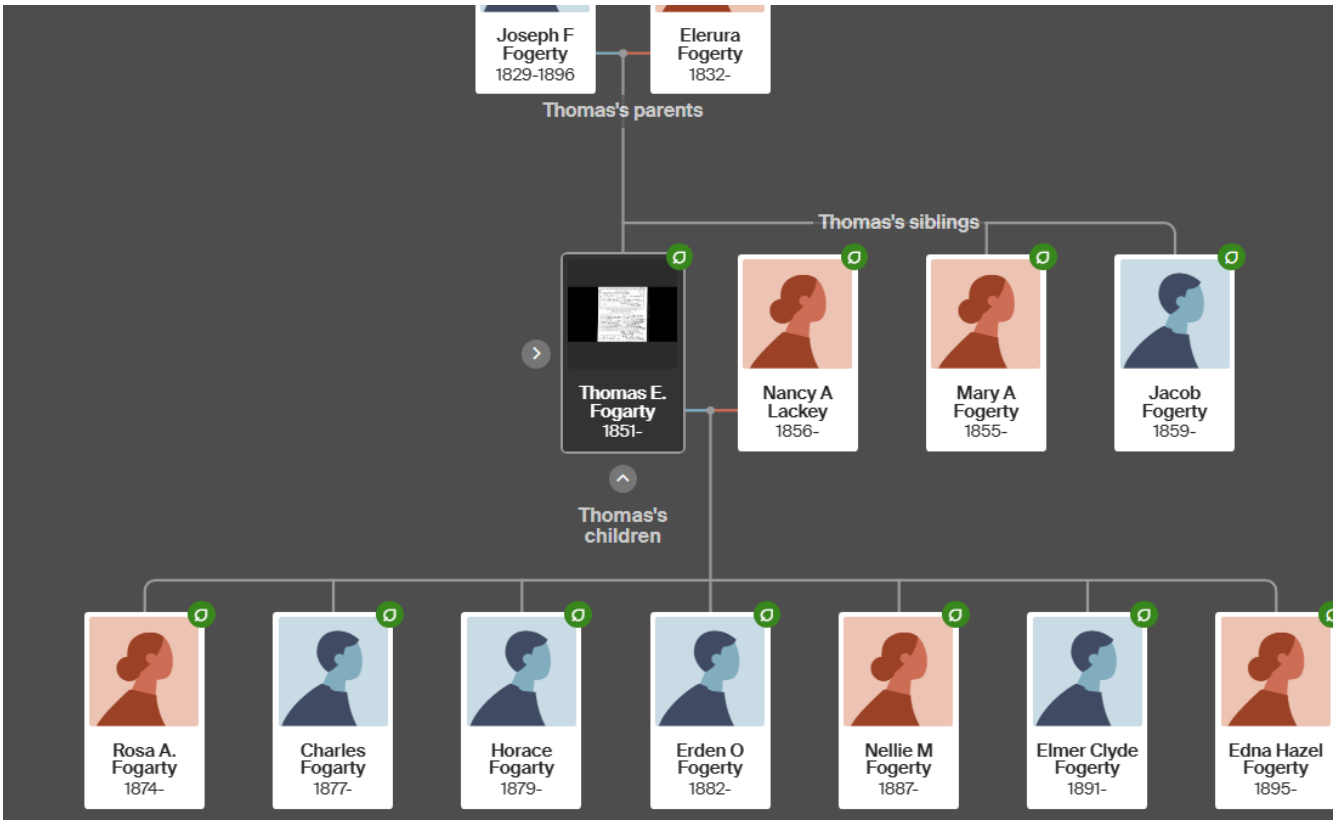
The Pontiac Library recently digitized the old Sentinel and Daily Leader newspapers, but people can not search remotely from the library, unless you live in Pontiac and have a library card. I do have access to this database. One can go to the Pontiac Library and use one of their computers to access these newspaper archives.

Does the Fogerty or Lackey name appear in any of the 4 Livingston County History Books?

There were no hits in any of the 4 old history books for these 2 names (including 1878, 1888, 1900, and 1909 vol. 2 history books)

Create a Family Tree in Ancestry.com

I created a family tree in Ancestry.com……..



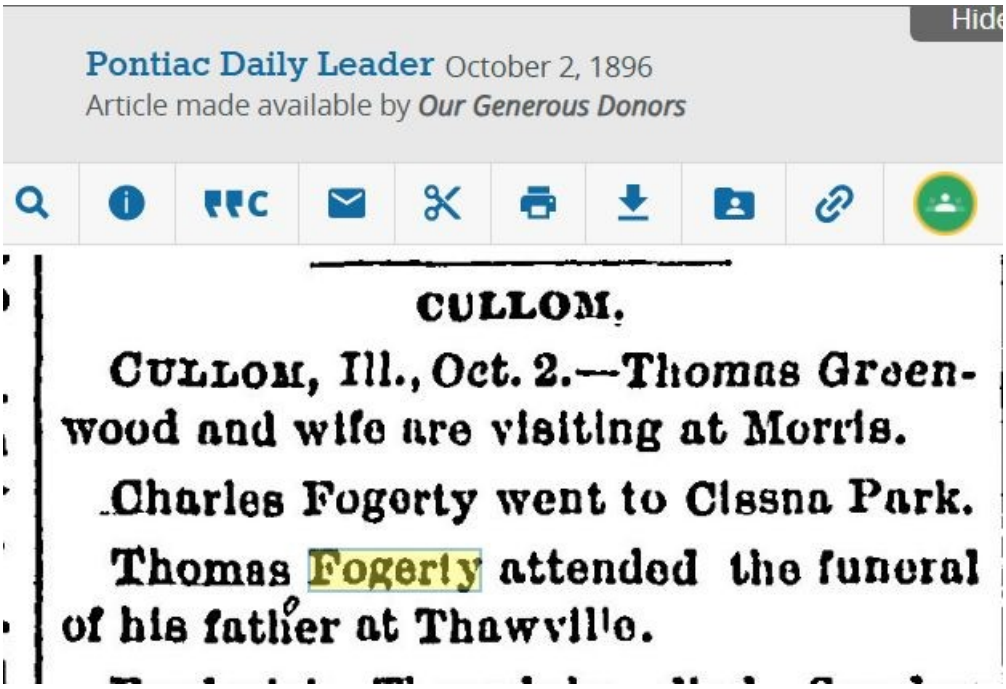
Census Data

Thomas Fogerty……	1860	Lived in Indiana
	1880	Married and living in Artesia, in Iroquois County
	1900	Married and living in Sullivan, in Livingston County (not sure where Sullivan was)
	1910	Married and moved to Jackson, Minnesota

They married in 1872 and apparently lived in the Livingston County area until they had moved to Minnesota by 1910.

Pontiac Sentinel and Pontiac Daily Leader newspaper Archives

I started with the oldest article and came forwards in time..…….……....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Pontiac Daily Leader October 2, 1896
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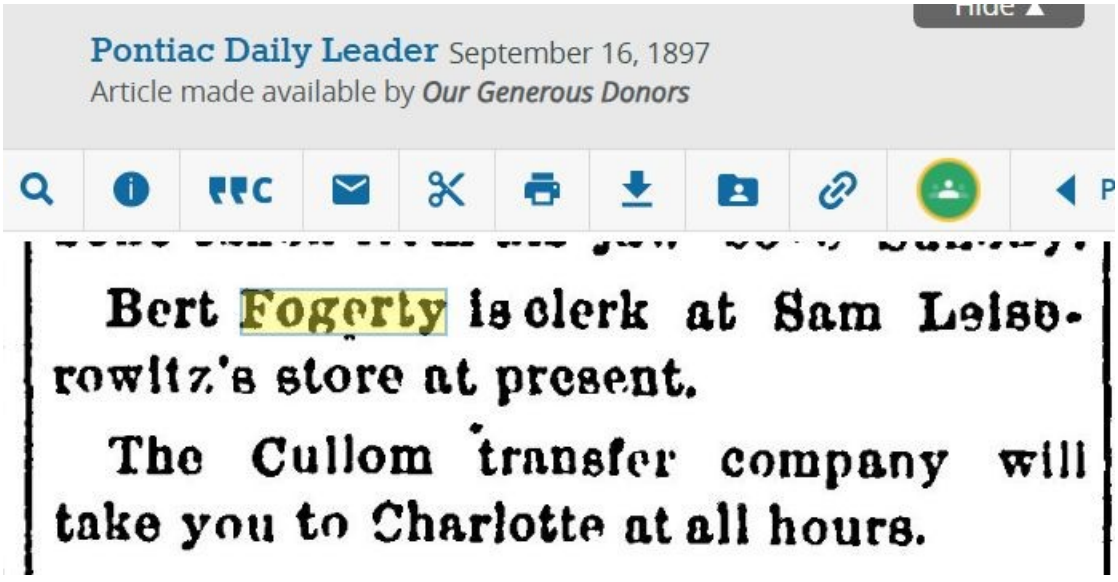
CULLOM.
CULLOM, Ill., Oct. 2.—Thomas Greenwood and wife are visiting at Morris.
Charles Fogerty went to Cissna Park.
Thomas Fogerty attended the funeral of his father at Thawville.

I checked and his father Joseph died in 1896, so this article makes sense. They were apparently living in the Cullom area in 1896.


Pontiac Daily Leader September 16, 1897
Article made available by Our Generous Donors
Bert Fogerty is clerk at Sam Leisorowitz's store at present.
The Cullom transfer company will take you to Charlotte at all hours.

I think Bert was a son of the couple in question. This was in the Cullom news section of the Leader.

Pontiac Daily Leader September 7, 1898
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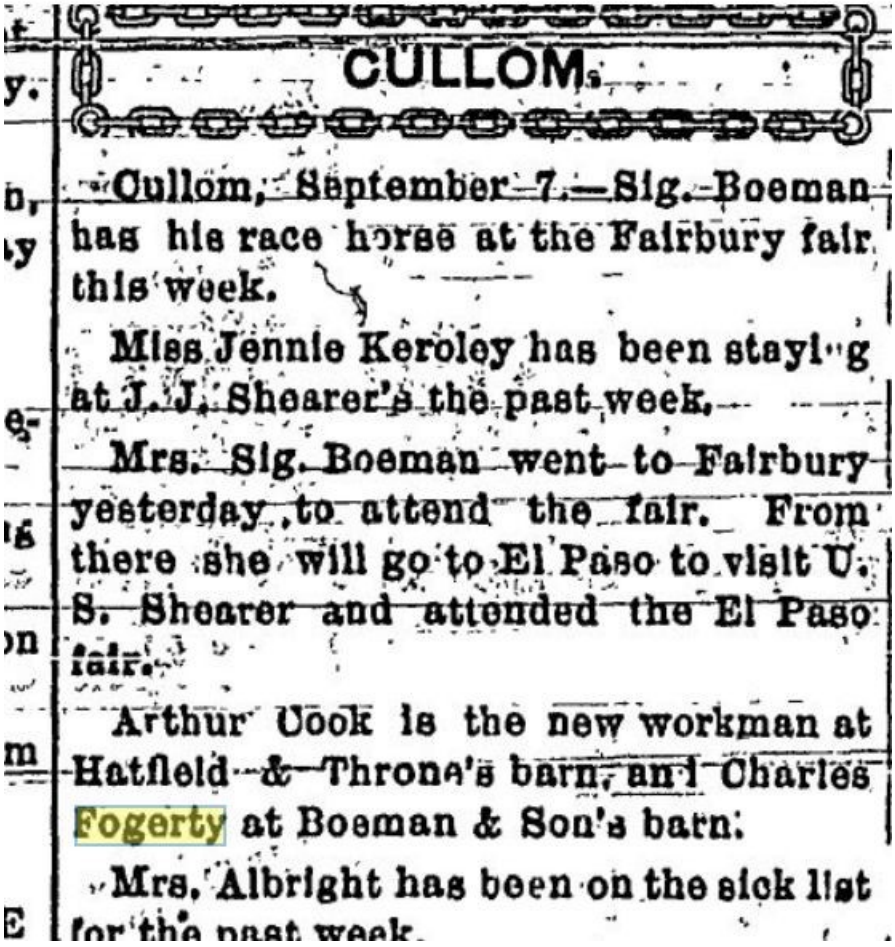


CULLOM.

Cullom, September 7.—Sig. Boeman has his race horse at the Fairbury fair this week.

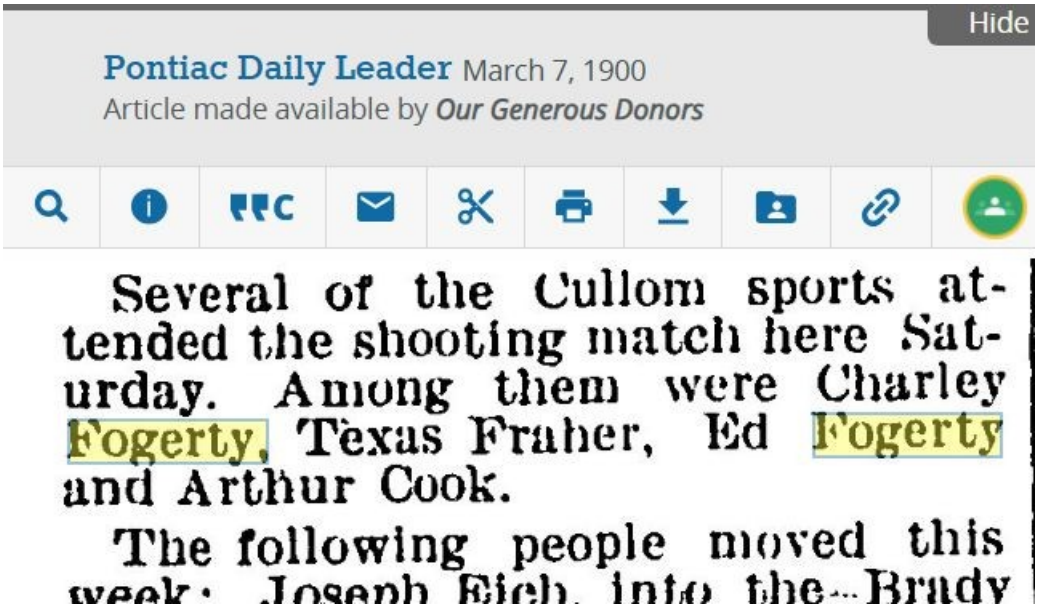
Miss Jennie Keroley has been staying at J. J. Shearer's the past week.

Mrs. Sig. Boeman went to Fairbury yesterday to attend the fair. From there she will go to El Paso to visit U. S. Shearer and attended the El Paso fair.

Arthur Cook is the new workman at Hatfield & Throne's barn, and Charles Fogerty at Boeman & Son's barn.

Mrs. Albright has been on the sick list for the past week.

I think Charles Fogerty was a son of the couple in question.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Pontiac Daily Leader March 7, 1900
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Several of the Cullom sports attended the shooting match here Saturday. Among them were Charley Fogerty, Texas Fraher, Ed Fogerty and Arthur Cook.
The following people moved this

This was in the Cullom news section of the Leader.

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Pontiac Daily Leader February 1, 1901
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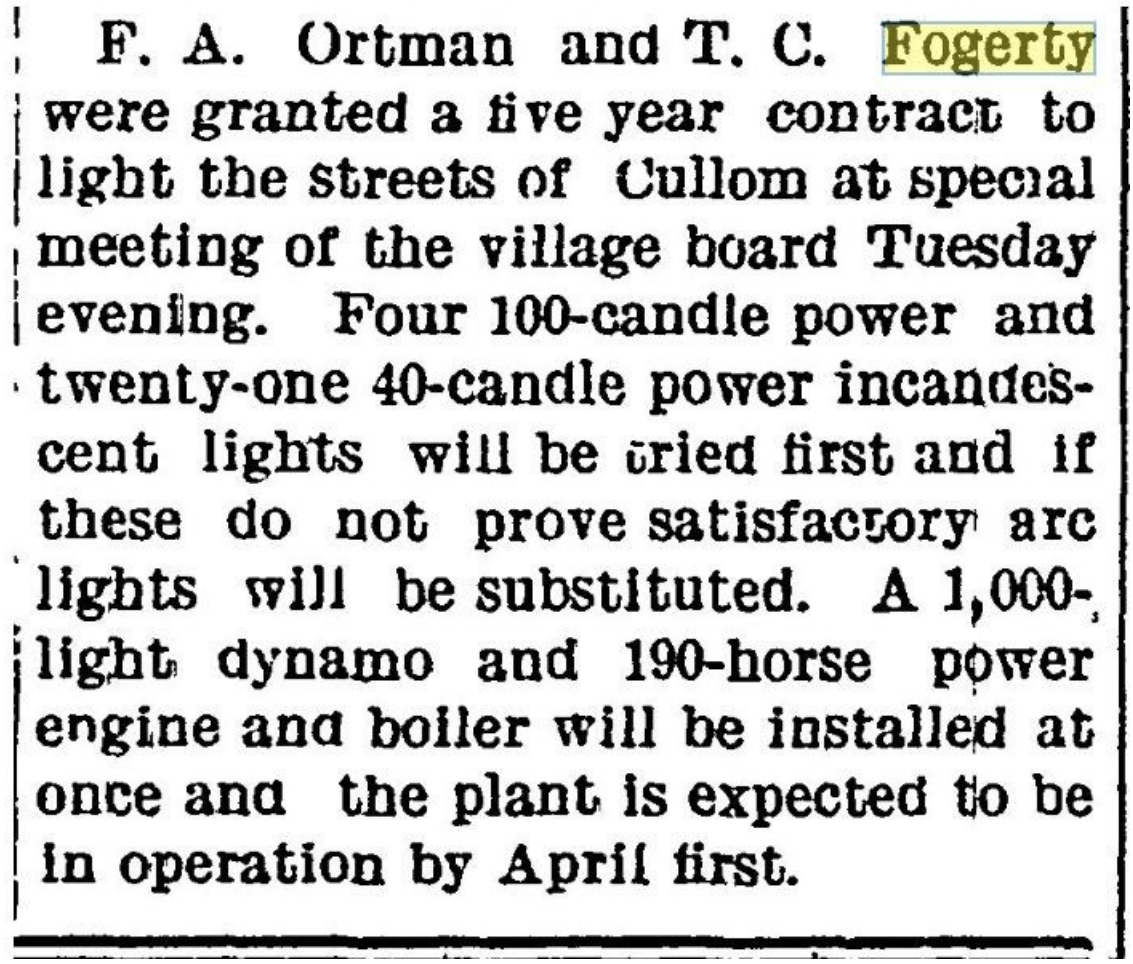

F. A. Ortman and T. C. Fogerty were granted a five year contract to light the streets of Cullom at special meeting of the village board Tuesday evening. Four 100-candle power and twenty-one 40-candle power incandescent lights will be tried first and if these do not prove satisfactory arc lights will be substituted. A 1,000-light dynamo and 190-horse power engine and boiler will be installed at once and the plant is expected to be in operation by April first.

The article says T. C. Fogerty, and man in question is Thomas E. Fogerty, but maybe this is a typo in the newspaper?

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Pontiac Daily Leader December 23, 1903
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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Ira Walters, Cropsey, 21; Myrtle Popejoy, Cropsey, 19.

Robert N. Saunders, Salem, Va., 26; Mary L. Fitzgerald, Belle Prairie, 31.

David F. Crumbaker, Avoca, 25; Carrissa L. Martin, Fairbury, 30.

Cyrus I. Dyer, Dwight, 25; Phoebe A. Pettett, Dwight, 20.

Charles Fogerty, Cullom, 26; Tena Wagner, Cullom, 19.

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Pontiac Daily Leader December 7, 1904
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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fogerty, Sullivan, November 20, 1904; a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blanchfield, Esmen, November 22, 1904; a girl.

Daily Leader, Aug 31, 1906…..

Merchant Loses Law Suit.

S. Leiserowitz lost his suit before the county court in Pontiac last week wherein the rights of property was involved.

A short time ago Mr. Leiserowitz secured a judgment against Charles Fogerty for about $200 on a store account. The execution was placed in the hands of the sheriff and he levied on some growing crops and other personal property. The store account was alleged to have been made by Mr. Fogerty and his first wife from whom he was afterwards divorced. Mrs. Fogerty No. 2 makes the claim that the property levied on to satisfy the judgment belongs to her and was unlawfully seized. The case was set for last Thursday before Judge Carrithers but was not called until Friday. A number of witnesses were called and the case did not go to the jury until Saturday.

Mr. Leiserowitz entered an appeal for a new trial. This will be argued before the court some time within five days. If this is denied Mr. Leiserowitz informs the Chronicle that he will take an appeal to the appellate court, in which case it would leave matters in a complicated condition as the goods levied on would be tied up for a year or two until the appellate court passed on the case.—Cullom Chronicle.

Pontiac Daily Leader August 17, 1907
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Reversed and Remanded.

The appellate court of this district has handed down a bunch of decisions, one of which related to the case of S. Leiserowitz, of Cullom, against Mrs. Tena Fogerty, an action for alleged debt.

About a year ago Mr. Leiserowitz brought suit against Charles Fogerty to enforce payment of a claim of about $300 alleged to be due him. Mr. Leiserowitz levied on some growing crops. Mrs. Fogerty claimed the property levied on belonged to her and a jury in the county court so found. Mr. Leiserowitz appealed the case to the appellate court which has now reversed and remanded the case back, which leaves Mr. Leiserowitz the victor so far.—Cullom Chronicle.

Summer Excursions to Minnesota

No obits in Pontiac Papers for Thomas Fogerty

Since they had moved to Minnesota per the 1910 census, he likely did not die in the Pontiac area.

Exhausted Usual Livingston County Sources

I have tried my usual sources and what I have found is above.

Maybe go into Ancestry and look into the deaths of the couple in question.

Death of Thomas E. Fogerty

He died may 20, 1927 in Minnesota. Found his obit using Newspapers.com.

The Albert Lea Tribune

Albert Lea, Minnesota · Friday, May 27, 1927

Thomas E. Fogerty

A large crowd of friends and acquaintances attended the funeral of Thomas E. Fogerty, which was held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the home on South Broadway, Rev. J. V. Roberts of Levermore, Iowa, officiating.

Thomas E. Fogerty, eldest son of Joseph and Elvira Fogerty was born near Wabash, Ind., Aug. 5, 1851 and died at his home on South Broadway, May 20th, 1927, at the age of 75 years, 9 months, fifteen days.

He was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Lackey of Wabash, Ind., in 1872. To this union was born eight children, namely Mrs. John Cockeram of Gleason, Wis., Charles of Holland, Mich., Bert of Albert Lea, Erden of Wenatsche, Washington, Mrs. Rolland Landis of Gilberts, Ill., Clyde of Albert Lea and Mrs. A. Neuser of Albert Lea.

In 1919 the family moved to Albert Lea, which has since been their home. He has been in poor health for the past four years suffering with heart trouble.

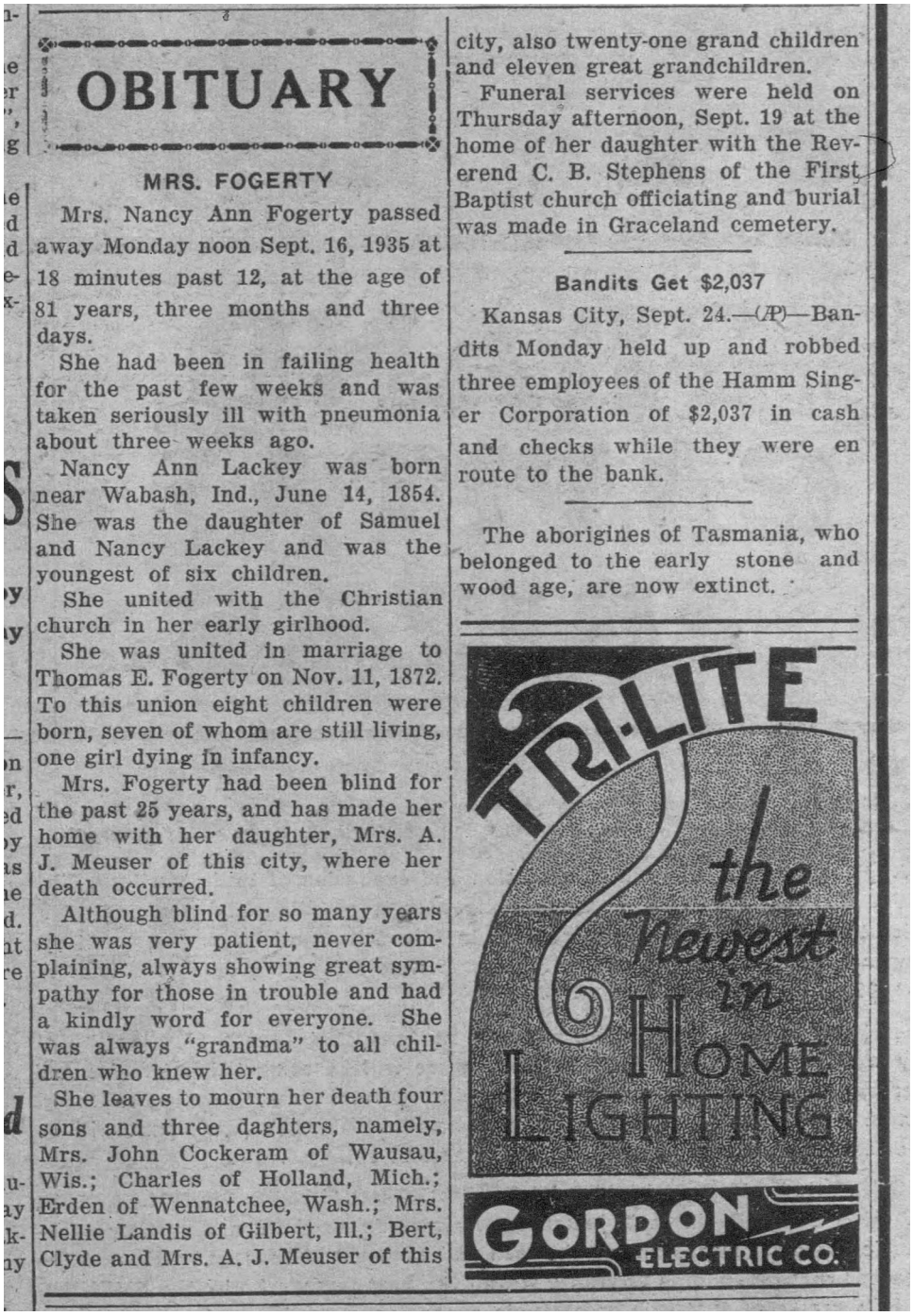
He is survived by his wife, seven children, twenty grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Also two brothers, John of Chicago and Joe of Danvers, Minn. Burial was made at Graceland cemetery.

Mrs. Thomas Fogerty Death

She died Sep 16, 1935, in MN

The Albert Lea Tribune

Albert Lea, Minnesota · Tuesday, September 24, 1935



OBITUARY

MRS. FOGERTY

Mrs. Nancy Ann Fogerty passed away Monday noon Sept. 16, 1935 at 18 minutes past 12, at the age of 81 years, three months and three days.

She had been in failing health for the past few weeks and was taken seriously ill with pneumonia about three weeks ago.

Nancy Ann Lackey was born near Wabash, Ind., June 14, 1854. She was the daughter of Samuel and Nancy Lackey and was the youngest of six children.

She united with the Christian church in her early girlhood.

She was united in marriage to Thomas E. Fogerty on Nov. 11, 1872. To this union eight children were born, seven of whom are still living, one girl dying in infancy.

Mrs. Fogerty had been blind for the past 25 years, and has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Meuser of this city, where her death occurred.

Although blind for so many years she was very patient, never complaining, always showing great sympathy for those in trouble and had a kindly word for everyone. She was always "grandma" to all children who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her death four sons and three daghters, namely, Mrs. John Cockeram of Wausau, Wis.; Charles of Holland, Mich.; Erden of Wennatchee, Wash.; Mrs. Nellie Landis of Gilbert, Ill.; Bert, Clyde and Mrs. A. J. Meuser of this city, also twenty-one grand children and eleven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 19 at the home of her daughter with the Reverend C. B. Stephens of the First Baptist church officiating and burial was made in Graceland cemetery.

Bandits Get $2,037

Kansas City, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Bandits Monday held up and robbed three employees of the Hamm Singer Corporation of $2,037 in cash and checks while they were en route to the bank.

The aborigines of Tasmania, who belonged to the early stone and wood age, are now extinct.

Conclusions

The couple in question moved to Minnesota by the time of the 1910 Census, and both of them died in Minnesota.

Found obits for both of them and they are shown above.

A brief check of the family tree indicates none of the children stayed in Livingston County, they all moved out of state.

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